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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The positive resist composition of the present invention comprises the novolac resin described above, quinonediazide compound and the thioxanthone compound as the essential ingredients. In addition, the positive resist composition of the present invention may comprise a resin other than the novolac resin, as well as a small amount of various additives conventional in this field, such as a dye, a surfactant and the like, as